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INTRODUCING THE VIXEN...

DC's newest super-star makes her debut this month in the premiere issue of THE VIXEN.

Created and written by Gerry Conway, THE VIXEN is the story of New York fashion model Mari McCabe and the reawakening of her frightful past. As a child in her native D'Mulla, Africa, young Mari was a witness to the death of her father at the hands of General Manitoba, a revolutionary leader. Now, fifteen years later, Mari McCabe is ready to avenge her father's death!

But what can a fashion model do to the man who is now president of an African nation? Perhaps nothing... unless she is in possession of a talisman which has the power to transform her into a being with the spirits of the lion, antelope and fox ... THE VIXEN!

THE VIXEN was pencilled and designed by Bob Oksner; Vince Colletta provided the inks. The first issue goes on sale August 8th.

HEX, LASH AND SCALPHUNTER STAR IN JONAH HEX SPECTACULAR!

He was the last of the great bounty hunters, that fierce breed of man who hunted their brothers for reward. But even a great career must one day end, as shown in this month's JONAH HEX SPECTACULAR.

The year is 1904 and the fastest gunfighter in the west is still Jonah Hex, despite his 66 years of age. Scripted by Michael Fleisher and pencilled and inked by Russ Heath, this 30-page story is the strangest tale of the old west we have ever presented.

But even though we witness the end of one hero, another finds a new life as Bat Lash returns in his first solo story in a decade! Written by Denny O'Neil and drawn by George Moliterni, this untitled story sets Bat Lash in Chinatown intrigue in turn of the century San Francisco.

And rounding out the JONAH HEX SPECTACULAR is a tale of Scalphunter. Involved with runaway slaves, Scalphunter recalls his passage into manhood in "Right of Passage," by Gerry Conway, Dick Ayers and Danny Bulanadi.

The JONAH HEX SPECTACULAR, featuring a cover by Garcia Lopez, goes on sale August 15th.

EARTH-2 MOURNS THE DEATH OF THE BATMAN!

The place is Earth-2, home of the Justice Society of America.

In Gotham City, a madman climbs to the top of Gotham Tower, demanding police commissioner Bruce Wayne be brought to him or he will destroy the city!

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Even the assembled forces of the JSA are powerless to halt this madman... and that is when Commissioner Wayne decides the time has come for him to once again don the garb of The Batman... even though he knows that this time he goes to certain death!

The place to witness the death of a legend is the 75th issue of ALL-STAR COMICS written by Paul Levitz and pencilled and inked by Joe Staton.

ALL-STAR COMICS #75 goes on sale August 29th.

CREEPER STARS IN SHOWCASE #106!

A man with a thirst for vengeance and a powerful weapon to back him up is nothing new to The Creeper-- except when that man can unknowingly and unpredictably cause Cosmic Broadcasting's ace security man, Jack Ryder, to change against his will to his alter ego, The Creeper! And that is exactly what happens in SHOWCASE #106.

From nowhere comes Dr. Storme, whose incredible weather rod causes devastating thunder storms to attack Cosmic Broadcasting. But the super-scientific circuitry in his rod has an unpredictable effect on the matter-transformer device implanted in Ryder and the former newsman must stop the villain while protecting his secret identity from his friends!

"Enter-- Dr. Storme" is the longest Creeper tale ever published. It was created, written and drawn by Steve Ditko. SHOWCASE #106 goes on sale August 17th.

AQUAMAN, NEWSBOY LEGION AND DOOM PATROL IN DOLLAR COMICS!

Leading off DC's Dollar Comics this month is the second new format issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, number 460. Wonder Woman starts it off in a story by Jack C. Harris and Jack Abel in which the Amazon Princess must descend into the realm of Pluto to save the soul of Steve Trevor... but the only way to get there is to die! Continuing the regular roster, Deadman appears in "Canvas Inferno," by Len Wein and Jim Aparo. And the Flash is given "A Nightmare to Remember" when he is sent to a nightmare realm where the evil Shade is mayor of Keystone City and the golden age Flash's wife is married to the Fiddler, in this story by Cary Bates, Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin.

Aquaman joins the ADVENTURE COMICS line-up this issue, beginning his series with "The Hunt" by Paul Kupperberg, Don Newton and Dan Adkins. Green Lantern is represented by the "Deadly Song of the Wizard," a space adventure which pits the Emerald Gladiator against an old foe, Myrwhydden. Cary Burkett wrote the story which Joe Staton pencilled and inked. Finally, The New Gods epic comes to an end in "Pursuit to Eternity" by Gerry Conway, Newton and Augie Scotto. With a cover by Jim Aparo, ADVENTURE COMICS #460 goes on sale August 15th.

The SUPERMAN FAMILY continues to fly high in their 192nd issue, beginning with Superboy in "This Town for Plunder," by Tom DeFalco and Joe Staton. Supergirl finds out that "What Goes Up... Can't Come Down" as she guest-stars with the new Doom Patrol in a story by Gerry Conway, Arvell Jones and Romeo Tanghal. Krypto's series ends with "Requiem in the Rain," by Bob Toomey and Juan Ortiz. The Newsboy Legion returns, along with guest-star, Speedy, as Jimmy Olsen asks "Whatever Happened to the Guardian?" by DeFalco, Kurt Schaffenberger and an-as-yet-unnamed inker. Superman appears in "My Father-- Superman," scripted by Conway and pencilled by Schaffenberger while his girlfriend, Lois Lane, stars in "The Hand of Death" by DeFalco, with pencils by Win Mortimer. And rounding out the issue is Nightwing and Flamebird in "The Ordeal of Ak-Var" by Paul Kupperberg, Ken Landgraf and Romeo Tanghal.

With a cover by Ross Andru and Dick Giordano, SUPERMAN FAMILY #192 goes on sale August 24th.

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

What happens when Superman finds himself on the planet Rann and Adam Strange mysteriously appears on Earth? The answer can be found in DC COMICS PRESENTS #3. Guest-scripter David Michelinie has teamed up with regular artist Garcia Lopez to put forth "The Riddle of Little Earth Lost." The cover is by Lopez... Enemy Ace wraps up his current three-part series in MEN OF WAR #10 in a story entitled "Duel at Dawn" by Robert Kanigher and Howard Chaykin. Also in that issue is another segment of Dateline: Frontline, "Glory Soldier" by Cary Burkett and Jerry Grandenetti. And leading off the issue is Gravedigger in "Crossroads," by Roger McKenzie, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Joe Kubert... Murphy Anderson takes over the art end of the Hawkman series in this month's DETECTIVE COMICS #480. Len Wein scripts... Howard Chaykin pencils the Cinnamon story in WEIRD WESTERN TALES #49, scripted by Roger McKenzie.

Omac gets a costume and begins his new mission in "The New Origin of Omac" in KAMANDI #60, scripted and pencilled by Jim Starlin, with inks by Joe Rubinstein. And Kamandi journeys "Into the Vortex" where he must make the most important decision of his life! The story is by Jack C. Harris, with art by Dick Ayers and Danny Bulanadi... The saga of the Amazons continues in WONDER WOMAN #249 as they search for "Patterns in the Dust," by Bob Toomey, Maurice Whitman and Vince Colletta. And Hawkgirl guest-stars with the Amazing Amazon in "Sinister Seeker of Secrets," by Jack C. Harris, Jose Delbo and Colletta.

The Green Lantern of Earth-2 concludes his three-parter in GREEN LANTERN/ GREEN ARROW #110. Denny O'Neil and Mike Grell turn in the Green Lantern/Green Arrow lead story, "Brand of Power."... The origin of The Ray is retold in BLACK LIGHTNING #12 in "Life and Rebirth," by Roger McKenzie, Mike Barr, John Fuller and Bob Wiacek, while Black Lightning faces Dr. Polaris in "Lure of the Magnetic Menace" by Denny O'Neil, Mike Nasser and Vince Colletta... The Human Target must disguise himself as a symphony orchestra leader in "Symphony for the Devil Contract" in BRAVE AND BOLD #144, by Len Wein and Dick Giordano. And The Batman teams up with Green Arrow in this Bob Haney/Jim Aparo collaboration, "Arrow of Eternity"...

DYNAMIC CLASSICS #2 features Superman in "Planet of Angels" by Denny O'Neil, Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson. Also in this issue is part two of the award-winning Archie Goodwin-Walt Simonson Manhunter series from Detective Comics #438... And there are more vintage stories this month in BATTLE CLASSICS #2, featuring Sgt. Rock in "Brass Sergeant" from Our Army at War #140, written by Robert Kanigher and drawn by Joe Kubert; the sequel to last issue's 3 Battle Stars tale... Jack C. Harris, Howard Chaykin and Alex Nino are among the contributors to WEIRD WAR TALES #69.

The annual JLA/JSA team-up comes to a startling conclusion in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #160 in a story entitled "Crisis from Tomorrow" by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillon and Frank McLaughlin... A dream-parasite is on the loose in Manhattan and has robbed

a young woman of all her nighttime fantasies. "Tapestry of Dreams" is woven by Cary Burkett, Juan Ortiz and Vince Colletta in DOORWAY TO NIGHTMARE #6, with a cover by Michael Kaluta... The Earthwar epic comes to an end in SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #245 when the Legion comes face-to-face with the man behind the plot against them in "Mordru, Master of Earth," by Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Joe Giella.

The Unsolved Cases of The Batman appears in BATMAN #305 in "With This Ring Find Me Dead," the first of two parts written by Bob Rozakis and drawn by Don Newton and Dave Hunt... JONAH HEX #18 takes the gunfighter to darkest Africa where he is faced with "Amazon Treasure-- Amazon Death" by Michael Fleisher, Val Mayerick and Danny Bulanadi... Science-fiction author Steven Utley contributed "At the Mercy of Tigers" for the back of UNKNOWN SOLDIER #221. It's drawn by Dick Ayers and Dan Adkins. And the Unknown Soldier impersonates a Japanese woodcutter to save the life of Tokyo Sally in "Sunset for a Samurai," by Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. And rounding out this issue is the conclusion of the Frogman series by Scott Edelman and Fred Carrillo. Cover by Joe Kubert.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF July 11th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF August 1st:
Doorway to Nightmare #6 / Men of War #10 / DC Comics Presents #3 / Batman #305 / Justice League of America #160 / Jonah Hex #18 / Flash #267

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF July 18th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF August 8th:
Unexpected #188 / The Vixen #1 / Our Fighting Forces #182 / Superman #329 / Weird War Tales #69 / Brave & Bold #144

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF July 25th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF August 15th:
Adventure Comics #460 / Jonah Hex Spectacular / Black Lightning #12 / Sgt. Rock #322/ Showcase #106 (The Creeper) / Ghosts #70 / Dynamic Classics #2

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF August 1st FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF August 22nd:
Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #245 / Detective Comics #480 / House of Mystery #262 / Superman Family #192 / Weird Western Tales #49 / Battle Classics #2

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF August 8th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF August 29th:
Green Lantern-Green Arrow #110 / Unknown Soldier #221 / All-Star Comics #75 / Kamandi #60 / Action Comics #489 / Wonder Woman #249 / Witching Hour #86